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APPENDIX

THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

No. T. 6656/I-D.

AGENT'S OFFICE,
Madras, 1st *September* 1923.

Rules relating to Local Advisory Committee.

Constitution of Committee.

The Committee shall consist of a Chairman and not less than eight nor more than eleven other members.

Appointment of Chairman and Railway members.

2. The Agent of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee. The Agent shall appoint a senior officer of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company to act for him during his absence.

The Agent shall appoint the General Traffic Manager, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, a member of the Committee.

Appointment of nominated members.

3. Not more than two Government members shall be appointed by the Government of Madras. Two representatives of the Legislative Council of the Government of Madras may be appointed by the Government of Madras. One member shall be appointed by the Government of Bombay. One member shall be appointed by the Government of Mysore.

Election of members.

4. The remaining members shall consist of—

One member elected by the members for the time being of the Corporation of Madras,

One by the members for the time being of the Chamber of Commerce,

One by the members for the time being of the Southern India Chamber of Commerce, and

One by the members for the time being of the Indian Passengers Association.

Term of office of member.

5. The members of the Committee shall hold office for a term of two years commencing from the 1st April. Any person ceasing to be a member shall be eligible for re-appointment on re-election.

Meetings for transactions of business.

6. The Committee shall meet together and shall from time to time make such arrangements with respect to the day, hour, notice, management and adjournment of its meetings as it may think fit, subject to the following conditions, viz. :—

(*a*) That a meeting shall be held ordinarily once a month.

(*b*) That the Chairman may whenever he thinks fit, call a special meeting.

(*c*) That no business shall be transacted unless at least four members are present throughout such meeting.

(*d*) That every meeting shall be presided over by the Agent if he is present; if, and when he is absent, by such Senior Officer of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company as may be appointed by him.

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(e) That minutes shall be kept of the names of the members present and of the proceedings of each meeting in a book to be provided for this purpose which shall be signed as soon as practicable by the Chairman of such meeting and shall be open to inspection by any member of the Committee.

(f) The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn it.

Functions of Committee.

7. The functions of the Advisory Committee shall be purely advisory, as its name implies. Questions of personnel, discipline and appointments will not be brought before the Committee. The Committee shall have no authority to inquire into or interfere in any way with the general administration of the Railway. The Committee shall have no authority to act as Conciliation Board. The Agent may, however, at any time, if he thinks fit, ask for the advice of his Advisory Committee on any matter, including questions which may arise out of the settlement of a strike.

In the event of any question arising before the Committee in regard to the limit of its functions, the decision of the Chairman shall be final, subject to any orders that may be issued by the Railway Board and the Board of Directors of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, to whom the question shall be referred.

Scope of duties.

8. The Committee shall be authorized to discuss and record its opinion on the following subjects :—

(1) Alterations in the time table of passenger services.

(2) Alterations in rates and fares, and changes of goods classification.

(3) Proposals in regard to new projects and extensions.

(4) Proposals in regard to new rolling stock.

(5) Any matters affecting the general public interest or convenience.

Any member of the Committee shall be at liberty to suggest subjects for discussion, unless inadmissible under paragraph 7, but the Chairman may rule out any subject for reasons which should be explained at the first meeting after the ruling is given.

9. A copy of the minutes of meetings shall be furnished to each member of the Committee, to the Railway Board, and to the Board of Directors of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company.

If in any case the Chairman decides that he is unable to follow the advice of the majority of the Committee he shall bring the matter to notice of the Railway Board, and of the Board of Directors of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company, when forwarding the minutes of meeting for their perusal.

10. The Chairman shall furnish the members of the Committee with the regular periodical return of traffic, and such other information in regard to the traffic of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway as may from time to time be available, and with which they may desire to be supplied.

11. No action shall be taken on any representation of the Committee without the approval of the Agent, unless the Board of Directors of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company shall in any case otherwise direct. The Agent, shall, however, carefully consider all such representations, and so far as he may find them in conformity with the

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general instructions of his Board and likely to be beneficial to the undertaking, and to serve the public convenience, he shall endeavour to give effect to them.

12. The Committee shall bear in mind, that while they are invited to act in consultation with the Agent of the Railway Administration with a view to extend the facilities for traffic on the railway, and increase the convenience offered to the public, they are also required to give due weight to the responsibility which rests on the Administration of the Railway to respect the legitimate interest of the Government of India and the Railway Company in maintaining the revenue.

Remuneration.

13. A fee of Rs. 32 will be paid to every non-official member of the Committee, other than the Chairman or any Railway member, for each meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present and business is transacted.

A pass over the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway and actual fares over other Railways will be granted to members of the Committee residing out of Madras when attending meetings.

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Agent